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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	10/035,688	GLIMCHER ET AL.
	Examiner Michael C. Wilson	Art Unit 1632

--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

THE REPLY FILED 20 December 2004 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

- a) The period for reply expires _____ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- b) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. A Notice of Appeal was filed on 20 December 2004. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
 - (a) they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
 - (b) they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
 - (c) they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
 - (d) they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: See Continuation Sheet.

3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
4. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. The a) affidavit, b) exhibit, or c) request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: See Continuation Sheet.
6. The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) will not be entered or b) will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: _____.

Claim(s) objected to: _____.

Claim(s) rejected: 1 and 32-52.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

8. The drawing correction filed on _____ is a) approved or b) disapproved by the Examiner.

9. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.

10. Other: _____.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER



Continuation of 2. NOTE: Proposed new phrases in claim 38, 40, 41, 45, 49, and new claims 53 and 54 would require considerations under new matter, utility and enablement not previously required mouse..

Continuation of 5. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: applicants' arguments regarding utility are not persuasive. The specification does not teach increased Th2 cytokine production (which is generic to numerous cytokines) is a model of disease or that a disruption in NFAPp and NFAT4 reflects a disease state. The specification does not teach the mice can be used to determine the function of NFATp or NFAT4. Without such guidance, a mouse that merely has "increased Th2" does not have utility as a model of disease as asserted by applicants. Applicants' assertion that the mouse can be used to screen drugs that decrease Th2 cytokine production is not persuasive. Wild-type mice can also be used for such screening. Therefore, the disruptions of NFATp and NFAT4 do not contribute to the assay. As such, using the mice claimed to screen for compounds that decrease Th2 cytokine production does not have a substantial utility. Applicants' argument that the examiner has formulated the rejection based on the teachings in the art and has not taken the teachings in the specification into consideration is not persuasive. The teachings in the specification are specifically addressed. Pg 4 of the final action, for example, describes the examples in the specification, and pg 5 and 6 of the final office action discuss the asserted uses described in the specification.

Applicants' arguments regarding enablement and new matter have been considered but are not persuasive. These rejections will be addressed specifically upon filing an RCE.